

REMARKS

In the forgoing amendment, claims 1, 2 and 5-8 are amended, claim 9 is canceled, and claims 10-19 are withdrawn from further consideration. Now pending in the applications are claims 1-8, of which claim 1 is independent. The following comments address all stated grounds for rejection and place the presently pending claims, as identified above, in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to provide an enabling disclosure for a single insulating picture frame-shaped member. In the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants amend claim 1 to recite that the insulating picture frame-shaped member is attached to *each* of the separators. Applicants also amend claim 5 to recite that the peripheral end surface of *each* of the separators is covered by the picture frame-shaped member. In light of the claim amendments, Applicants submit that the specification of the pending application provides an enabling disclosure for the claimed invention. Applicants therefore request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants amend claims 1, 2, 6-8 to address the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. In particular, Applicants amend claim 1 to recite that the picture frame-shaped member includes an elastic material, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants also cancel claim 9 to overcome the rejection. In light of the claim amendments, Applicants request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes \$120.00 is due with this statement and request and extension of time herewith. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SIW-031 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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